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Our Mr. L. P. Ellison is now in the large cities buying new

Spring Stock

—of—

Dry Goods, Millinery, Etc.

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Full Particulars of our offerings in these lines will appear in next week's paper.

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A Few Grocery Specials For Another Week.

"Royal Boquet" Flour, \$3.75
High Patent for

20 lbs. Granulated Sugar \$1.

12 lbs. Roasted Coffee \$1.00

We also have a full line

SEED POTATOES

Tennessee Triumph,
New York Early Ohio,
New York Early Rose.

White, Yellow and Red
Onion Sets.

A Full Line of Garden and Field Seeds at Low Prices

Ellison Mercantile Co.

WANTED.

100,000 Dozen Eggs,

10,000 Dozen Poultry.

OF ALL KINDS.

WILL PAY THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE.

ELLISON MERCANTILE CO.

MISSISSIPPI STILL BOOMING, CAROTHERSVILLE LEVEE CAVING IN.

THE LATEST.

The old levee, at Carothersville, Mo., the greatest danger point along the Mississippi, a mile and a quarter south of there, is caving. The situation is grave, the country round about is flooded north and south a hundred miles. Railway traffic is nearly impossible no trains running in and out of Carothersville because of flooded tracks.

The Mississippi river at Hickman is on a big rampage and at this point is almost like a sea. The high water mark will likely break all previous records as it grows higher every hour and the mark of 1857 has already been reached. The lowlands between here and Charleston are nearly all covered making a stream of almost 20 miles in width. All West Hickman is under water and many of the citizens have moved out. Property has been damaged considerably and the farmers in the bottom below here have suffered and are likely to suffer much more loss before the tide changes. Much stock has been drowned and the farmers are all moving out of the bottoms for safety. They are growing uneasy over the threatened delay of getting in crops. It will be many weeks before the land is ready for seed if the water should recede at once. Hickman has suffered from the high waters, the farmers near here being unable to get to town to do their shopping. A vast amount of business in the bottoms comes to Hickman.

The N. C. & St. L. Railway Company on account of their tracks in West Hickman being inundated and the dangerous condition of the tracks coming into Hickman, have partially abandoned the use of the depot in the city and the trains are now stopping at the depot over a half mile east of Hickman. Hacks are running to and from each train. Agent Travis and an operator have opened a station in a box car where the old depot stood and train orders will be received there and all passengers will be hauled there. The N. C. & St. L. has also been forced to change the route of freight going to St. Louis by way of the Missouri Pacific. The shipments are being temporarily made by way of Columbus, Ky., over the M. & O. R. R. by the Steamer St. Louis to Belmont and this has been temporarily abandoned.

The usual schedules are being operated by the Columbus route.

The Mengel Box Factory in West Hickman and the Richmond Bond Cotton Oil Company have been forced to shut down on account of the water being all over the lower floors of their buildings. Manager Walker of the Mengel concern says the damage will amount to many hundred dollars besides the loss of time. The Richmond & Bond Company will also be heavy losers by loss of time.

Reports from all up and down the Mississippi are distressing.

Even the most conservative of river authorities are thoroughly aroused to the significance that attaches to the rise and the next few days will mark a condition of ceaseless activity all up and down the Mississippi valley.

At Carothersville, Mo., the town is under two feet of water according to accounts here, business there is on a standstill and the people are certain to suffer serious loss.

The rise of the White river in Arkansas is regarded by old rivermen as offering one of the most serious phases of the flood situation. They say that the great rise has added an element of danger usually lacking in floods on the Mississippi and they fear, that the levees, much as they have been improved in the last five years, may not stand the new strain.

The river below Cairo is running over the Iron Mountain tracks and within only a few inches of the Cotton Belt tracks.

The entire section is under water. The water has backed in behind the levee at Norfolk, and entire country between the river and Charleston is fast being submerged.

Reports from Belmont say the entire place is under water, and the situation is gradually becoming worse.

Mound City, Ill., is having some trouble with the raging waters and the big rainfall. The upper end of the town is flooded on account of the drainage pump for that part of town breaking down.

The Kentucky country opposite Cairo is under water for several miles back and a large part of the Paducah branch of the Illinois Central tracks is washed out.

The old rivermen of Hickman fear the flood will be greater than ever before.

NEW MENGEL BOX PLANT WILL COST ABOUT \$75,000.00

The contract for the new Mengel box plant will be let this week and the erection of same will begin as soon as possible. The new plant is an addition to the present one and will be known as a veneering factory. The plant will manufacture gun and elm veneers only for tobacco boxes. Mr. Mengel decided this week to build it much larger than first planned and it will cost about \$75,000 when completed. There is to be over 225,000 feet of framing lumber in it and it will be erected near the present Mengel Box Factory.

The present factory is conducted under the able management of Claude Walker who will also manage the new plant. The present factory only makes staves and heading and their monthly

pay roll for salary and timber is about \$10,000. When both plants are put into operation about \$25,000 will be paid out monthly all of which goes into circulation in and around Hickman. The present plant cost about \$140,000. The building will be one of the largest of the entire Mengel concerns and will employ a large force of hands.

Hickman is fast gaining a reputation as a manufacturing center on account of the good timber and shipping facilities and several other big enterprises are figuring on coming here this summer. A Commercial Club will be organized next week and the advantages of the city will be placed before the public and big efforts made to induce more business concerns to locate here.

CAYCE.

It rains all the time and we have nothing except mud! mud!

Last Monday while playing at school, Clyde Collins fell from a swing and broke his leg.

The Alexander and Campbell wedding will take place at Ebenezer church 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mrs. Will Naylor entertained a select party last Saturday eve—another flinch party.

Dr. Nailling, of Union City, was in Cayce today to see Mr. Ammons.

Born on the 10th to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas, a boy.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

STRAYED OR STOLEN. one pale red muley heifer, 18 months old, no marks or brands.

JAMES H. SAUNDER.

SPRING GOODS.

HICKMAN MERCHANTS HAVE BIG INDUCEMENTS FOR TRADE.

The merchants have about all returned from the markets and spring goods are now arriving on every train and boat. The stores are beginning to show evidence of spring. Goods in all lines are piling up and the counters, cases and shelves are full of spring fixtures and substantial merchandise. Soon the dry goods men will have the regular spring opening, and the usual pretty displays will be made.

Hickman merchants have the advantage of merchants in all near-by towns. Their freight rates are much cheaper and they can therefore sell much lower. The Hickman merchants this spring have better inducements to offer the public than ever before. Read their ads in the Courier.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

People who are studying flood conditions are always anxious to see previous records, and the following furnished by Observer Emery at Memphis yesterday show the highest stages in the flood years at the cities mentioned:

1882—At Cairo, 51.8 on February 25; at Memphis, 32.8 on April 3; at Helena, 47.2 on March 9.

1883—At Cairo, 52.2 on February 26; at Memphis, 34.8 on March 7; at Helena, 47 on March 9.

1884—At Cairo, 51.8 on February 21; at Memphis, 34.2 on March 1 and 2; at Helena, 47 on March 26.

1890—At Cairo, 48.8 on March 12; at Memphis, 35.2 on March 15; at Helena, 47.7 on March 28.

1892—At Cairo, 48.3 on April 28; at Memphis, 34.6 on May 2; at Helena, 45.1 on June 14.

1893—At Cairo, 49.3 on May 6; at Memphis, 35.2 on May 15; at Helena, 42.5 on May 6.

1897—At Cairo, 50.8 on March 21; at Memphis, 37.1 on March 7; at Helena, 51.8 on April 4.

1898—At Cairo, 49.8 on April 6; at Memphis, 37.3 on April 12; at Helena, 49.1 on April 17.

These figures show that the stage here has already exceeded the flood year of 1882, 1884 and 1892, and has practically equalled those of 1883, 1890 and 1893. It is rapidly approaching the high figures recorded in 1897 and 1898, and there are those who believe that all previous records will be broken during the next few days.

JORDAN.

Hello, Mr. Editor: What's the trouble down there? Did you decide last week to cut Jordan's acquaintance by sending her no papers? Well, we are not going to retaliate, but "will drop you a few lines to let you know" we are very much alive, and "hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing."

Business of all kinds is dull here just now.

Mrs. Cook, sister of Dr. Phelps, spent a few days at Jordan this week, guest of Mrs. Erwin.

Mr. Marsh Debow, who has been in school at Vanderbilt, was summoned home a few days ago on account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Shuck. She is improving now and he hopes soon to return.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, of Union City, visited Jordan a few days ago.

Mrs. Henry Emerson has been ill several days.

Mrs. Maggie McConnell, of Union City, visited Jordan Monday.

Mrs. Al Alexander has been on the sick list a few days since our last writing, but she is able to be up again.

O. B. Kerlin claims to be first this season with lettuce ready for table use, which they enjoy this week.

Mr. Burton, of St. Louis, was at Jordan Monday in the interest of Evans-Snyder-Buel Live Stock Co.

EMBROIDERY CLUB.

The Embroidery Club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Ernest Johnson last Friday. The Club will meet with Mrs. J. M. Hubbard this afternoon.